



Sprint Spring 2017

Welcome to our Spring 2017 newsletter. We are a key stakeholder in the Derbyshire Education Improvement Partnership Board (DEIPB), working with the Local Authority and all teaching schools in the county to improve life chances of all children. You will hear more about the work of this group at the area heads meetings.

Our teaching school alliance continues to build capacity; we have 1 NLE, 10 LLEs, 2 Pupil Premium Reviewers and 22 SLEs. In an ever-changing educational landscape, we know that strong leadership is the key to school improvement. Therefore, we have engaged Clive Davies from Focus Education to run a conference day that will give us a national perspective. We still have a few places left; please get in touch if you would like a booking form.

Ensuring Strong Leadership

Developing great leadership which impacts on the things that matter

June 15th 2017 Ashbrook Junior School (full day) £245 / £195 (TSA Members)

Continual Professional Development Opportunities:

We offer training events for members of our alliance and beyond. Outstanding practitioners from our Teaching School Alliance lead the sessions. Since September, 72 teachers have accessed our Early Years training sessions. Booking forms are on our website:

<http://ladycross-school.co.uk/dpfl/continuing-professional-development>

Early Years

- **School Readiness** -training on how to use our 'A Flying Start' materials
 - 19th May 2017 at Ashbrook Junior School (half day):
- **Getting it right Boys in the EYFS** - strategies & techniques for improving outcomes for boys:
 - 24th March 2017 at Dronfield Infant School (half day)
 - 28th April 2017 at Castle View Primary School (half day)
- **ECERS**- training on how to conduct an ECERS audit in your own setting
 - dates can be arranged to suit your requirements (one and a half days)

Primary

- **Growth Mindset** - building learning capacity across a school
 - 27th April 2017 at Ladycross Infant School (full day) **NOW FULL**
 - 2nd May at 2017 Ladycross Infant School (full day)
- **Nurture & Well Being** -nurture strategies to promote good mental health
 - 6th March 2017 at Hady Primary School (half day)
- **Tackling the Marking Mountain** - strategies and techniques to improve your work life balance
 - 11th May 2017 at Ashbrook Junior School (half day)



- **Growing Mindful** - strategies to encourage and nurture positivity and empathy
 - 13th June 2017 at Gladys Buxton Adult Community Centre, Buxton (full day)
 - 5th July 2017 at Ashbrook Junior School, Borrowash (full day)

Our CPD costs: Full day £180 / £135 (TSA members), half day £120 / £90 (TSA members)

We can offer these courses in your setting with a minimum of 10 participants. Please get in touch to discuss your requirements.

Our Facilities

We now have two training rooms that are available for hire for use by other schools. The training hub at Ladycross is suitable for 10 people, and at Ashbrook Junior School, we have a newly refurbished small hall suitable for larger groups of between 24-30 people. In addition, we have a sensory room in our refurbished space dedicated for early years, which is available for use with individual children.

Teaching School Alliance membership

We welcomed 7 new schools to our teaching school alliance in the Autumn term, taking our membership to 28 schools. Our new members are:

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| • Brockwell Junior, Chesterfield | • Brockwell Infant, Chesterfield |
| • Old Hall Junior, Tupton | • Risle Primary School |
| • Killamarsh Infant School | • Westfield Infant School, Chesterfield |
| • Mickley Infant & Nursery, Alfreton | |

At our recent Teaching School Alliance meeting, headteachers evaluated the impact and benefits so far from being part of this new collaboration. These are their comments:

Impact on Headteacher

- Reflection time; able to be objective
- Keeping up to date with current issues; locally and nationally
- Peer to peer support
- Given a fresh perspective and new opportunities
- Empowering people

Impact on School / Staff

- Opportunities for more relevant, high quality CPD (more affordable and accessible)
- More outward looking
- A fabulous NQT programme
- Developing middle leaders
- High quality trainers in a school based setting

Impact on Children

- Impact on quality of teaching (reflected in progress / attainment)
- Consistency of pedagogy
- Value for money by sharing expertise / knowledge through all aspects of the TSA

If you would like to apply to join our teaching school alliance, please request a copy of our collaboration agreement document to see our current membership offer by using either of the email addresses below. Our Executive Board will assess your application; the next meeting is May 25th 2017.

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